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Reefer Madness

NEW YORK (CUP/CPS) - A widely publicized research study which found that marijuana causes damage to certain types of white blood cells has come under widespread attack from a number of scientists and organizations.

The findings were reported by a team of researchers at Columbia University headed by Dr. Gabriel Nahas at a press conference on Jan. 25. At the conference, Nahas said his tests on blood drawn from heavy users indicated that marijuana caused certain white blood cells called "T Lymphocytes" to be inhibited in division. Division of white blood cells is one of the ways the body fights disease.

Nahas reported that since "T Lymphocytes" may be instrumental in fighting cancer-causing viruses, marijuana may be a cause of cancer, as well as generally weakening the overall response of the body to disease. In the light of his discovery, Nahas called for a complete reevaluation of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse report, which in 1972 advocated decriminalization of marijuana.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) was especially upset about the wide media coverage given to Nahas' claims. NORML hastened to point out that Nahas has campaigned hard and illogically against marijuana for a long time prior to his study, and his credibility is therefore suspect.

Last year, Nahas' book, Marijuana, the Deceptive Weed (Raven Press, NY), was widely criticized as a purportedly scientific work with an open anti-marijuana bias. In that book Nahas called marijuana the "green menace" which was about to destroy the American way of life, and urged the "pleasure-oriented" society of the U.S. to "respond to this challenge" thrust on the West by the USSR and China. (1)

The bulk of Nahas' book consisted of attacks on marijuana research that has not denounced the weed. A review of the book in the Journal of the American Me-

dical Association said, "examples of biased selections and interpretations abound in every chapter," and criticized Nahas attitude as a "tremendous step backward for medicine."

Nahas, who has testified before a number of state legislatures against reducing criminal penalties for marijuana, called his press conference before the study was published, and therefore before the paper could be examined for discrepancies or errors in research methods, NORML said.

Since the publication of the study in Science magazine on Feb. 1, opposition has grown rapidly within the scientific and academic communities. Critics particularly find fault with the way the experiments were set up and the methods by which Nahas drew his conclusions.

Nahas used volunteers who had been heavy marijuana users in the past, but who said they used any "other mind-altering drugs", during the study period. However, Nahas said the subjects smoked cigarettes and drank alcohol, both of which contain drugs considered "mind-altering".

The subjects had taken other drugs in the past such as caffeine in tablet form, amphetamines, barbiturates, antihistamines, acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin), and unspecified prescription drugs.

Nahas discounted any possibility that these drugs could have caused the damage to white blood cells. He presented his findings and singled out marijuana from his subjects' drug histories as the only cause of his results.

Other researchers have pointed to the growing mass of scientific work done with marijuana which contradicts Dr. Nahas' findings. A study published in Nature (a British scientific journal) reported that large doses of THC, the active chemical in marijuana, increases the immune responses in mice. NORML points out that this article directly contradicts Nahas' findings.

Dr. Vera Rubio, who was in charge of a medical study of Jamaicans who had smoked large quantities of ganja (a particular-

ly potent form of marijuana) for an average of 17 years said that the results of that study were in direct contradiction to the Nahas findings.

"The Jamaican study of long-term chronic ganja smokers found no deleterious effects that could be attributed to cannabis," Rubin said in a recent statement.

"Ganja teas and tonics have been taken by the rural population for the past fifty years ... and there is no indication that resistance to disease has declined as a result of marijuana."

(editorial comment: In fact, even the opposite may be true.)

Dr. Ted Mikuriya of the University of California at Berkeley and author of Marijuana Medical Papers, 1832-1972, summed up his findings to this way: "If Marijuana really has anti-immunologic effects on white blood cells, we'd see the results in hospital admissions. We don't."

He also noted the "absence of any medical reports describing excessive susceptibility to viral or bacterial infection by marijuana users in the past by 134 years of medical experience with the drug."

Columbia University, in whose name Nahas has announced his findings, has backed away from endorsing the study. In a public letter, Columbia president William J. McGill said, "Dr. Nahas speaks for himself, not the University ... The University will not endorse or otherwise comment on Dr. Nahas' findings."

Nearly all detractors agree that more study should be done on the effects of marijuana on white blood cells before any judgement is made. As such, Nahas' work is considered to simply indicate another possibility to be explored, rather than definitive medical proof of a marijuana-induced disorder.

Nevertheless, the Nahas announcement received wide coverage through television, wire services and newspapers. They all reported his findings as though they were concrete proof that marijuana has harmful physical effects.

Last coffee house for year

Vince Hewgill

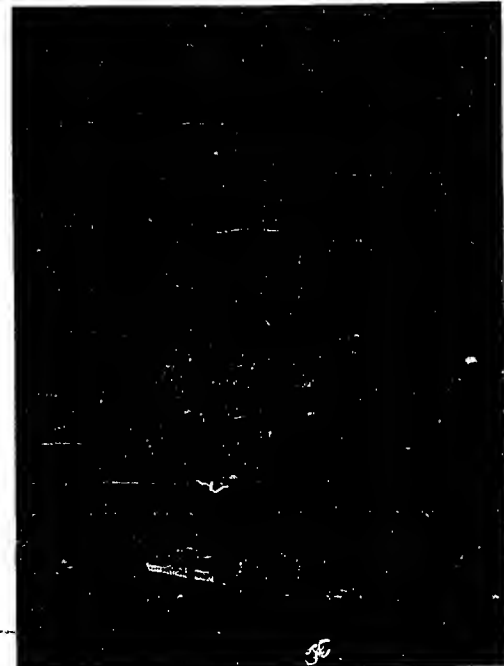
Saturday night was the last evening of the year for the coffee house in the old pub site. Music was provided by Ruth Dolson, a school teacher, and Kim Turcott, a Laurentian student. Two high school students from Sudbury, Pete Wes

and Doug Boyd played some of their own music. Andy Tollic and Gord Nelder also provided fine music for entertainment at the coffee house.

Despite the assumed apathy of all Laurentian students, there was an estimated 70 students at the Free Spirit coffee house. Perhaps there are a few students enrolled at Laurentian that can have an enjoyable evening without the great accomplishment of getting drunk or watching "Marcus Welby" and "Cannon". The Free Spirit group has endeavoured to diversify the stagnant social and spiritual atmosphere of Laurentian. We all realize that religion is not often considered an acceptable topic of conversation among

those who pride themselves in thinking that they conform to every new radical philosophy. At the coffee house, however, Christianity is the main topic of conversation with people actually re-evaluating the simple messages of Christ.

Next year the coffee house entertainment is planned to continue. Laurentian's best known intellectual, the Phantom, is invited to come broaden his horizons and attend the coffee house, which he has determined is a plot to "establish an exclusive club." Next year we hope to continue providing music of the same quality for students and we hope to create an enjoyable evening for the people that wish to attend.



Bob Scarlett

ISO elections

by Vivian Easton

work next year.

The Governor's Lounge was the scene of I.S.O.'s year-end social and election of the new executive on Friday evening.

John Dennison began the proceedings by announcing that his term as president and that of the two vice-presidents had come to an end. He thanked the members for their participation in this year's events and wished them success in their future activities. Throwing the floor open to the election of a new executive signalled the end of a busy year of hard work for Dennison, and his executive.

Melz Majdoub, past v.p. was elected the new I.S.O. president and proposed that the two positions of vice president be extended to three since the organization's activities have increased. The three new v.p.'s are Peter McGrath who will be responsible for public relations, Mark Miato will contend with finances and Serge Massey who'll manage the social affairs of I.S.O. Karen Portielge will replace Eldrid Johnson as the secretary.

Melz thanked John and the outgoing executive for their labours and promised to continue the good

John Dennison, in an interview with one of Lambda's staff, talked about the role of I.S.O. here at Laurentian. He felt that the I.S.O. had come a long way over the past year by involving students in various activities from International Week to slides on the Guyana trip. He stressed that the contacts established by the Laurentian I.S.O. members, who visited Guyana, must be kept and fostered. Dennison hoped that the exchange of ideas and information with Guyana university would not be confined only to the I.S.O. but extended to include academic exchanges and a swap of student newspapers.

This fall a follow-up exchange by Guyana students is anticipated and plans for their visit are already underway. The Guyana delegation will be given a tour of Northern Ontario during their first week. Later they will return to the Laurentian campus and participate in the International Week events. The final week will be spent visiting such cities as Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto before returning home.

After the election of the new executive I.S.O. members and guests got the social aspects underway.

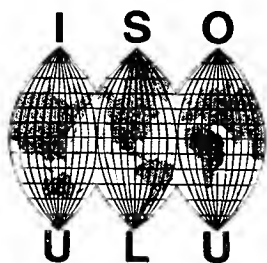
Rumours Rumours Rumours

Can there be any truth to the rumour that John Clarke and Sherman Greenberg will be departing from the 9th floor and that John Dewar is on his way out?

And is there any validity to the rumour that the faculty are taking over the old pub as an exclusive faculty lounge, keys and all, students on invitation only?

Hire Canadian

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The board of directors of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) March 23 supported the principle of having a review board in each university to ensure that more Canadians are hired as professors.



Traveling Europe

by Peter McGrath

For those of us who will be travelling to Europe this summer and especially for those venturing forth for the first time, here are a few tips which could make your trip a lot easier and cheaper. First of all, acquire an International Student's Identity Card. This is proof of your student status and will qualify you for discounts on transportations, admissions, and accommodation charges. Also, you will be able to utilize the programs of European student organizations which include student trains, flights, hostels, restaurants and clubs. DOCUMENTS AND FORMALITIES Passports - a valid Canadian passport is required for entering any European country and re-entering Canada. This can be got through your travel agent or directly from the department of External Affairs.

Visas - required mostly for East European countries; for Russia, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia a visa is required in advance. In most other East European countries visas can be acquired at the border; Romania, Bulgaria, etc...

Health Documents - A valid Canadian Health Certificate is required for all travellers to Europe and the Middle East etc. This should show that you have received your "Smallpox" vaccination within 3 years. For North Africa, usually Tetanus-diphtheria, Typhoid etc... shots are required.

Insurance - travel insurance, up to the individual.

International Insurance Certificate - necessary for driving everywhere in Europe - usually included in price of car rental.

International Driving Permit - An

International driving permit is required for driving in Europe (more information from local A.A.)

Transportation to Europe - the simplest method is by regular scheduled airline. You can also utilize the stop-over plan usually staying in one major European city for a limited time.

The cheapest way of course is by charter, usually requiring a 60 or 90 day booking period before the flight. Other airlines offering cheap rates are ICELANDIC AIRLINES flying from New York via Reykjavik to Luxembourg.

International Air Bahama - flies between the Bahamas and Luxembourg. Advantage should be taken of the special student air fares within Europe. The airlines offering these reduced fares, apply different restrictions and discounts; age limits etc..., a few of the airlines are TURKISH AIRLINES, EL-AL-OLYMPIC, PORTUGUESE AIRLINES.

Ships - generally speaking sailing is more expensive than flying but anybody with a week to spare can have a relaxing voyage, when travelling by ship. My own preference was for freighters, they offer cheaper rates, no tourists, much less stuffy atmosphere. Only problem: you usually have to book at least nine months in advance.

Transportation within Europe - Many Europeans make use of the excellent train service available. Not only do the trains offer a

frequent inter-city network, they are cheap, also save on money by travelling at night, save on night accommodations. Good discounts can be had by purchasing Eurailpass in North-America before leaving for Europe.

Bicycles and Motorcycles - good for short haul trips but not the greatest means of transportation in a rainy European summer. Buses - not very good although quite reasonably priced bus travel tends to be slow and I found Berlin but everyone to his own, also routes none to good. One deal EUROBUS PASSES - give you about 3500 miles of summer travel. Cost: around \$100 more information from Europabus N.Y.

Hitchhiking - This was my favorite mode of travel in Europe mainly because of the flexibility it allows and more important the only cost for you is time and the inconvenience of standing on some (autobahn) entrance in a rain storm. In Europe the kids don't generally follow North American procedure of making latest arrivals stand furthest down the road from oncoming cars - there, the most recent arrivals usually go to the head of the queue. The quickest means of travelling is with some good looking girl however care should be taken by any single girl especially in Southern Europe; Spain, Italy, France, Greece; as local tradition does not usually make allowances for the more liberated North American or European girl. It is safer

to travel in pairs.

Youth Hostels - Finally, I will end with a brief run down of accommodations in Europe. The best youth hostels are run by the INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL FEDERATION - costs about 50 cents to \$1 per night with sleeping bag. As a rule northern Europe, Germany, Sweden etc... like to have you up and at it, enforcing a early curfew and early reveille etc. when I was in Hamburg I had to leave the hostel at 8:30 a.m. and only come back after 4:00 p.m.; makes for a long day, but then who wants to waste time in bed. Southern Europe on the other hand has a pretty carefree outlook. Another problem is most youth hostels don't allow any drinking, however, I can assure you that German youth hostels were most obliging, so don't worry.

Another good place to stay is in the rooming house commonly called Zimmers in Germany, very economical (25 cents to \$1 per night as a rule). Finally if you're tenting there is no shortage of campsites, and most are very inexpensive and situated close to the major European cities.

So with a little investigating on your part you will find that only is travel fun but it is also cheaper than spending the summer at home, plus there is the cultural enrichment to be gained by exposure to different cultures. Go to it!!

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Sociology students occupation

LONDON, Ontario (CUP) - Thirty sociology students occupied the fifth floor of the sociology building at the University of Western Ontario in the morning of April 2.

The occupation came as the result of unsuccessful attempts by the Sociology Course Union to win reinstatement of Susan Hunter-Harvey, a Western sociology prof whose teaching contract has not been renewed by the Western administration.

According to a spokesperson from the Western Gazette, the student newspaper, Hunter-Harvey was originally hired for a single year, during which time she won high course evaluations from students.

Before the occupation a petition was circulated requesting that Hunter-Harvey's contract be renewed. The petition was signed by 750 students but was disregarded by Western's administration president, Dr. Carlton Williams.

Williams issued a statement in the afternoon of April 2 declaring that talks between occupying students and his office were deadlocked, and that he would refuse to conduct further negotiations until the students left the building.

The students barricaded the occupied area by stacking furniture in front of one door and chaining another shut.

The occupiers' demands are simple; they say they'll stay in the building until Hunter-Harvey is rehired.

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Federal government funding of summer student employment programs has been cut back.

Treasury Board President C.M. Drury said March 25 the decision was made because of a better student employment situation this year.

Drury was replying to Joseph Clark, Progressive Conservative MP for Rocky Mountain, who asked why spending estimates show higher spending than actually will be provided.



Dear Crabby:

Boy do I have a problem. I'm 21 years old and I don't know how to hustle chicks. I'll tell you why I have an inferiority complex - I have pimples and I mean I'm no Cary Grant, neither am I a Rock Hudson or a Robert Redford. Let's put it this way, I can audition for the leading part in a Frankenstein movie without make-up, and make it. My greatest problem is hustling chicks - I just don't have any first lines and I'm afraid they'll reject me. There's this one girl whom I lust for, she's good looking according to my standards - she's 6 foot 8 1/2 inches and what a body on her. She's even got the biggest pimples I ever laid my eyes on. Please Crabby, do you think that you can help me?

Pimples

Dear Pimples (Yuk):

I hate writing to pimple faced kids and I hate writing to pimple faced adults even more. I can't solve your problem - you've got nothing going for you, neither does your chick. Your spelling and punctuation need a lot to be desired. You should take grammar lessons instead of worrying

Dear Crabby

about your pimples. Maybe I should give grammar lessons instead of answering to people like you, don't write to me anymore and that goes for all you kids with pimples-yuk!!

Dear Crabby:

It's me again, Pimples. You may think that I love bugging you by telling you my problems, but I have another problem. If I see two people talking and looking in my direction, I think that they are speaking about me. For instance, I had to quit going to football games because everytime the players went into a huddle, I felt they were speaking about me. Crabby, what can I do?

Dear Pimples:

You are a persistent one. The reason that you think people are speaking about you is because they are. You're not only full of pimples but you think yourself too important. Imagine football players going in a huddle and talking about you - that's a joke if I ever heard one. By the way, have you ever thought of making the Guinness Book of Records as the guy who has the least things going for him?

students bursaries bourses

The sum of \$40,000 has been allocated for in-course scholarships and bursaries for the academic year 1974-75. Individual awards will be valued at from \$100 to \$500, and will be made to any student attending Laurentian University.

Further information and application forms can be obtained between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, from the Students Awards Office, Room L211; Telephone, extension 417 or 418.

Le montant de \$40,000 a été mis de côté et sera distribué en bourses attribuables durant les études de l'année universitaire 1974-75. Chaque bourse aura une valeur allant de \$100 à \$500, et sera attribuée à n'importe quel(le) étudiant(e) inscrit(e) à l'Université Laurentienne.

On peut obtenir plus de renseignements ainsi que les formulaires de demande en s'adressant du lundi au vendredi inclusivement entre 9 heures 30 et 17 heures au Bureau de l'Aide Financière - Salle L211, Téléphone, poste 417 ou 418.

BRAIN DRAIN

What did you think of Laurentian this year?

Walter Moran
First year Commerce

"I enjoyed it".
"Very personal".
"Small school - get to know people and professors."
"Lots to do socially. Getting to meet people."

Michelle Dayfoot
Third year Translators

"Disappointed."
"Small town - don't try to be U. of T."
"Politics ridiculous."
"Like other universities? - don't think so."
"Kids are great - that's the best part of university".
"1st year was disappointing. I expected more close contact with professors".

Bob Greenslade
First year Translators

"It's all right, I like the people."
"There's a low quality of teaching in some cases. It could be due to lack of funds."

Sandy Siren
First year Arts

"I like the atmosphere of a smaller university."
"I went to a larger university, Carleton. I hated it."
"The professors are much more approachable."
"How you like the university depends on your personality and the activities you get involved in."
"I've met a lot of interesting people."

Keijo Litel
2nd year Commerce

"Pretty quiet."
"There's not much student participation in things like sports events, politics, etc..."
"My impression from first year hasn't changed much - students are basically apathetic."



Diane Castonguay
First year nursing

"I liked it".
"People are terrific, course is great."
"I like the people the most".

Bob Scarlett
First year Commerce

"The courses are simpler than I had anticipated."
"There is a lack of direct incentives - you get a false sense of security concerning assignments."
"Sudbury has realized my visions of an industrial city."

Oksana Onufryk
First year Social Work

"Really loved it".
"Everything and everybody's been great."

Bryant Smith
Third year Commerce

"I didn't enjoy it a helluva lot. It was rewarding academically."
"My impression of the university from 1st year has changed because I've changed - I've had to adjust to the atmosphere. I've had to grow up with the University".

John Q. Dog
First year Activism
"Good place to lie around."

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this week: this week's this week is a big thanks from boob Forde and caustic candy to all those who found time and scoops over the past year to put this rag on the streets, billy the scandal is going european again, mike slawney is becoming a mother stinko child, nancy's keeping quiet about what's up, harry the shipyard docked his cute little self in here to eat his lunch and lay out the lay out sheets and nothing else, word has it TMS is now pushing pens for profs - good luck. TMS and candy declared open season on rob, 'the body' scarlett so have fun girls and if you can't get in the darkroom you can bribe boob or i for the keys we're approachable girls, to elaine and her two friends please keep up the interest in the darkroom, we'll need you next year, to connie goes the award for the most caustic leditor of the year - well done and to heather we salute your graphic, here's hoping you'll share somemore of your talents with us, to jo-anne our typesetter please come back next year and here's to your almost hang-over that boob, connie, des, rob and candy tried so hard to give you hoping it would make sunday easier for you, to our bussy manager and his girl have a nice summer, to obleyou took the cake-keep it up man and to mark the finance minister and stan the stud??? who were awarded the droopy dick prize this year come and get your consolation prize - if you dare, to pete mcgrath, john denison and meiz best of wishes from us here and thanks for your iso page, and to all you i.u. people bye bye see you next year and that's all for this week this week because the mar down at the graydog bus place said this paper has to go to bed early and we want it out of here before we all get smashed. Bye from all us here - be good and if you can't and all else fails call me.....

THE U.C. CORNER

by Sandy Siren

Well, this is it for me folks. The end. Imagine.... the last UC Corner of the last edition for the last week of the last term or perhaps your last year.

The new council has already started to hustle up plans for 1974-75 and University College is going to be big on campus again, because we're basically incorrigible. To the outgoing U.C.S.C., Julio, Klevas, Marlene, Mark, Vicki, Anita, Mike, Jim, Al, Louis, George, Dana, Dan and friends, you've had a super go at it, but Louis Ouellette and company Incorporated is determined to outdo you! To all members of University College, I hope you've had a good year and if this column has done anything for making you feel part of the University College atmosphere, then I've done my job as Minister of Propaganda. And since there is no classy way of ending it, I'll just say, "Endit!"

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editorial

As the school year comes to an end and you make the mad dash for the exits, stop for a moment and think. Think seriously, not of the number of beers or drinks you downed in one night, or the times you were gloriously drunk. Not even the number of times you got it on or got even by disfiguring some inanimate object that interrupted your distorted consciousness.

Think of the time you have spent here. The dogmas you have questioned, the faiths you have deserted. Think of the truths you think you have gleaned, the questions you can't answer, whether you are becoming a cog in the machine, a machine that will eventually grab you by the educated balls and squeeze it's due out, or whether you would have been made of more worth than you were eight months ago.

Think about what you said or done and why, whether you learned from your words and deeds. Think about what you gained or lost from your pass. Was it worth it? Was it all justifiable? Did you learn only from textbooks or did you learn also about

and from yourself and your fellow man, about your obligations to the students here and those yet to follow?

Have you thought about next year? Will you join the already numbed individuals who mill about aimlessly or will you try to experience your life in a sensitive way?

Have you thought about returning and why? Have you resigned yourself to a predetermined fate or have you thought about your role as a student seriously?

We have put these questions to you in all sincerity and in the anticipation that you will give them consideration during the summer months. That you will return to build, for yourselves and others, a better environment, one that is representative of the students, their opinions, and their obligations.

It is the intent of the editors and present staff to encourage next year's students to utilize the full potential of this paper. Through it you, as a student, we hope can find the answer to some of our questions, to recognize what is reality and what is fiction and what is you.

COMMENT

By Vivian Easton

The end is slipping in Lambda's backdoor and like some of you I feel sort of panic stricken because for once I don't know what to say or how to say it. Should I be caustic, or sloppy sentimental or year-end reflective?

It's hard to end something you've enjoyed and then try to express how you felt about it all. I've never been very apt at saying good-byes or so long. I guess its easier just to say that I've met some super great people, done some wild and wonderful things, and learned a lot more about life and its meaning. I'd be deceiving myself and you to say its been an empty, wasted year.

I'm looking forward to next semester, reestablishing friendships formed this past year and making new ones. Despite my criticisms and bitchings about the apathy etc... on this campus, I do feel that L.U. students have potential and are a good lot.

Before retiring this column for the year I'd like to say thanks, thanks for reading it, thanks for being here and letting me know you, thanks for being who you are. Have a safe, enjoyable summer and I'll be looking for you next year.

Hope your year has been successful.
Cheers!
Vivian



Apathy and the Laurentian Student???

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to an article which appeared on page six of last week's issue of LAMBDA (Vol. 12, No. 25). The article in question was written by Armen Vanayan and was entitled "Apathy and the Laurentian Student."

Dear Mr. Vanayan,

First let me say that I found some of the assessments made in your article to be a relatively apt analysis, fairly indicative of the general trends of behaviour on campus. This, however, is limited to a few secluded areas in your article.

You are quite right when you mention the lack of student involvement in the internal politics of the SGA. You could have also made mention of the lack of student participation on the various committees of senate, and lack of expressed interest in the functioning and decision making of Senate. The only semblance of student activism was the efforts by the Science students in reaction to the proposals of the budget committee.

This mode of student activism does indeed contrast sharply to the student activists in Europe, especially to groups such as the Milan Student movement or to the era of Danny the Red. I would be extremely interested to see what claims, other than nationality, you could make to identify yourself with such groups. These movements were those of progressively minded, socially aware people, not of petty bourgeoisie pretty boys.

You were also accurate in the relatively low quality of the paper. But your charge of the poor editorials printed in the paper is rather a strange one, considering your purported vast experience of journalistic endeavours. To give a more complete explanation, you state that the editorials published in the paper this year were of a very low calibre. The fact remains that there was only one editorial made by the paper this year. This was the paper's position on the recommendations of the academic planning committee. I believe that you have confused editorials (the official position of the paper on given subjects) with opinionated columns or commentary. The latter is by-lined with the author's name given, editorials find their by-line in the masthead of the paper.

(In case you didn't know, a masthead is the section of the paper which states the name of the persons or bodies responsible for the paper's publication, I feel confident that your intellectual prowess will well enable you to decipher the meaning of a by-line).

Two questions are immediately prompted. How would you explain your demonstrated woeful ignorance of fundamental journalism, if your boasts of your background in the French commercial press are true? Secondly, assuming that your point of contention was the opinionated columns, do you honestly believe your article to be any sort of improvement or reversal of the mentioned flaw.

I think not. There are several reasons on which I would base this assertion. The first being the overall tone of your article. To say that it was condescending in nature would be an understatement, it smacked with arrogance. Your suggestion that the students of Laurentian acquire a sense of intellectualism, thus inferring a void in this area, was particularly appalling.

Secondly, the examples you give to supposedly illustrate your allegations were superficial, if not fictional.

You start off with the statements of one student who felt you did not enjoy yourself, his opinion grows to "so many smart kids" and is multiplied after to reflect the general consensus of all students.

Is it not possible that you could be referring to the exception and not the rule? If all the students here were drunks as you infer, it would seem rather unlikely that the pub would be operating in debt.

But the principle objection that I have with your article is the decided lack of sincerity on your part. I cannot help but feel that had you been sincere in your wishes to bring about a positive change, you would have done what you told others to do, gotten off your ass, put aside your prejudices and egotism and involved yourself in an effort to bring about the desired change. Instead you have opted to profess a do as I say not as I do sort of attitude. As such it is indeed very difficult to regard your smug comments a little else than attempts by you for your own self elevation, merely feeding an already bloated ego.

Yours truly,
Bill Scandian

Dear Editor:

I feel that Armen Vanayan's "A Foreign Student's Outlook" deserves a reply. Some may say, "Seek and ye shall find", while others declare, "Ya gets what ya deserves".

For only a short moment let us dwell on the latter. Mr. Vanayan, Sir, for one who believes "the only people who had a good time were the drunks", I recall an excellent evening or two spent without your company for (congratulations! you made the club!) you were too drunk to phone two liberated women and apologize for not making it to dinner.

Oh! For the precious comment, "If you have to be liberated, then do it, by yourselves". (Of course, you were referring to Laurentian's women), we were liberated enough to accept you and pay for your coffee, etc... But one is a foolish liberated person when being "abused" by a fellow being.... most of us can thank you for displaying to women that there truly are chauvinists who see only one advantage to a relationship. His advantage.

Yes, Armen "seek and ye shall find". Not being a foreign student, I found sports events, discussion groups, (yes - even went to the lecture on abortion. Liberated, no?) films, and some foreign friendship. If you didn't I apologize - not for Laurentian students - but for those of us who know you and allowed you an escape from (what could have been) a great year!

Perhaps I should end with "I'll think you will excuse me but criticism is the only path towards progress", but rather chose to say "awareness, activity and friendship" is available to those "seeking beings" of Laurentian. Please join this club, too.

.....Little things make Laurentian U. go round....
"Winnie" of treasury who finds refunds for 'poor' students.
Graffiti on the walls of the "Laques" washroom.
And! Bless us.
Exams.
Good luck.

C. Delmarque

Dear Editor:

I was appalled at the article written by Armen Vanayan, a foreign student's opinion of Laurentian. Sir, if you really wanted to meet some intellectual people

around here, they aren't hard to find. I've had quite a few discussions with people who care about L.U. How come you didn't? You probably weren't looking hard enough.

As for your comments about drinking here. Sure, everyone wants to go out and get smashed once in a while. But for most people, it's a release mechanism. After working diligently on an essay, one has to unwind. You said that people in France drink a lot but not to get drunk? That may be true, but how can you explain the fact that France has the worst alcoholic problem in the world. Could I surmise from this report that French people are escaping also? Mr. Vanayan, you seem to assume too much without really understanding Canadians, especially Northerners and their mentality.

As for people talking about nothing but hockey, cars and girls. What's so wrong with that. Hockey is Canada's national sport and many Northerners are involved with hockey for the season. Our winters are long and hockey is played during the winter months so it's understandable hockey will be discussed. As for girls and cars, don't try and tell me Mr. Vanayan, that you have never spoke one word about hockey, girls or cars. It seems to me, sir, that you generalize too much. Your first impressions have made you prejudiced.

If girls go to Laurentian to look for husbands, they are sorely disillusioned. Besides who wants to spend \$2500 a year to look for a husband. The quest is highly overpriced. Besides if I wanted to catch a husband, I'd rather get a man who's already "made it" in life, with a job, money and all the other qualities he has to offer.

As for being liberated, sir, one just doesn't say "Well, I'm going to be liberated from now on". It doesn't work that way. Liberation is a process; it doesn't happen overnight. It takes time to lose the effects of our socialization process.

If you are so concerned about apathy, why haven't you written for Lambda before. Your talents were wasted this year. Where were you when Lambda was in trouble? Your concern then, wasn't expressed. Shame on you! You can dish

it out but you can't take it!

Mr. Vanayan, your expressed concern about the bilingual problem is nothing but hot air. This university will never be a truly bilingual one. It has already been shown. The francophones of this institution are separating and forming their own A.G.E. Is that not an indicator of what is to come?

I also wish you wouldn't criticize the students so much for all their faults. It is evident to me from your article that you are also to blame as much as anyone else.

Stop bitching and do something constructive yourself. Or are you lacking in motivation and intelligence? If you hate it here so much, then leave and don't come back.

E. Meadow

Lambda our paper

Dear Editor:

Contrary to the beliefs of many students at L.U. Lambda is OUR paper. It can be only as effective a communication media, and reflection of student views as we make it.

I have, on occasion in the past, taken advantage of this opportunity to express my views. What I submitted are statements of my personal position; nothing more, nothing less. The last issue provided two clear examples of students expressing their own views. My letter "Goodbye Pub" and Armen Vanayan's article, "Apathy and the Laurentian Student" represented our own positions, not those of the ISO, not those of the SGA executive, and not those of the Lambda editors. Only feedback, expression of opposing and supporting opinions, enable Lambda to be effective as a channel of communication.

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Soccer

Soccer, a sport that is increasing popularity in North America, may have been given a boost in the Sudbury area this past winter. It came by way of the announcement of an invitation to a junior soccer tournament to participate in a Junior International Soccer Tournament.

Oneonta and Delaware county in the state of New York will be the site of the games.

Running from July 14 to July 28m it will involve teams from Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, England, Scotland, Germany, Israel, and probably some other countries. The age limit of players will be 18 years and less, with the official size of the group being twenty people. This would include 16 players, 1 coach, 1 manager, 1 secretary and 1 referee.

Through the efforts Ray Korkiala of the Sudbury and District Sports Centre will attempt to send a team. The other area invited from Canada is Vancouver and to this date whether or not they will be sending a team has not been confirmed. The Sudbury area has seen an increase of minor soccer in the past couple of years. The all star team will be chosen from the under 18 players in the area.

A question is raised about the aims and benefits of the trip. Will it help all or only some of the young players in Sudbury?

Some of the people involved in soccer in Sudbury have views on the tournament and soccer in general. Here are some of them.

Greg Zorba, soccer coach of Laurentian University is a graduate of the Phys. Ed. Department. Greg was a playing coach for four years during which time the Vees compiled a very enviable record. The Vees won three OAAA Division championships. They also won two OUAA champions in three years and one Canadian championship.

Greg, who has lived in Sudbury for the past five years, also played in the local Senior Soccer League. This year he will be the coach and manager for the Tridents, a team from which 75% of the Vees' team is drawn. Trident is an affiliate of L.U.



Greg Zorba

G.W. MacDonald

Lambda: What do you think of the state of soccer in Sudbury and is there interest in the game?

Greg: That there is a tremendous interest in soccer in the area is evident. Interest at the High school level has grown in the past year. There are two minor leagues with 36 teams involved. The quality of Soccer is also very high. In fact, Sudbury is a virtual gold mine of soccer talent. When one takes into consideration that 90% of L.U.'s soccer teams (a team that has done so well) comes from the Sudbury area one is amazed. Sudbury soccer is comparable to that anywhere in Canada. Teams in Sudbury can compete favourably with any Canadian team, as the Vees have proved.

On the minus side the city has a lack of coaches at the minor level and in general a lack of facilities.

As an aside, I'd like to say Sudbury is the greatest sports town I've ever come across. In spite of poor facilities Sudbury has managed to yield high calibre hockey and basketball teams just to mention a couple.

Lambda: What are your feelings on the invitation to the Junior team to play in the tournament at Oneonta, New York?

Greg: Let me say that I don't think N.Y. will hinder in any way. I feel that the competition will be a benefit to the players involved. I think we should consider ourselves honoured by the invitation. On the other hand, I don't think it is financially as wise as it seems. The money spent could probably do a lot more for a great majority of players if it was spent to promote more games in Ontario.

Lambda: The city, you must be aware, gave some monies to help defray the cost. What do you think of this?

Greg: I am very happy with the action. It shows that the city is interested. While money from the city is never enough, it is a step in the right direction.

Lambda: What do you think of the news media and its treatment of soccer in the area?

Greg: I'm slightly dissatisfied. Nevertheless, we can't criticize too much since it's up to those involved to promote the game.

Lambda: What is the extent of participation by Canadian born players?

Greg: Phenomenal. Canadian born players are on the increase and that shows how the game is being adopted.

Lambda: What are your plans in conjunction with LU for soccer this year?

Greg: I will try to establish an intermediate league which I consider a necessity for soccer in Sudbury now. This will give 16-21 year old players a chance to get experience by competition. As things are now any 16 year old player getting out of the Bantam League has to wait before he can get into the senior league. There are also plans for soccer clinics in conjunction with the senior league.

With regards to LU we are hoping to have a high school tournament which LU will be hosting. We will, if space permits, also try to cooperate with the minor leagues by offering our facilities. The same goes for the senior league. We hope to be able to offer them our facilities to prevent the postponement of any matches.

Mind you LU would also do as much for any other sports. Our involvement with the community is a strong indication of how community oriented we are.

Lambda: Anything you would like to add?

Greg: Well, I'm optimistic for the future of soccer here in the north. Also I would like to say there is no substitute for hard work to achieve a goal.

Lambda: Thank You.

Lambda: Do you think interest in soccer is growing in Sudbury?

MacDonald: From a spectator point, no. From a participation point, yes. This can be seen by the tremendous increase in the involvement in minor soccer. There are more players and therefore more teams.

Lambda: What are your views on the facilities available for soccer?

MacDonald: I would say to this point the city has been negligent. A lot more is needed than just providing a field. Considering the benefits of sport and the need in our community. In any case the lack of facilities is now being recognized by the city to be a problem. There are the new facilities on Lasalle Blvd. These will be a great benefit to minor soccer. The other proposed stadium would probably help senior soccer. Anyway, we will have to wait and see the end results.

All this is a reaction due to the new national interest by the Federal government. The previous lack of interest restricted soccer and sport in general in the past.

Now with minor soccer advancing, there are too many teams to handle on one field. This causes a restriction on the calibre of soccer.

There is a connection with the facilities and the media representation at soccer game. On a poor field a soccer player or any sport for that matter, cannot produce as he would like to. In soccer, at the end of the season, the field is in poor shape. This causes a poor game which causes a lack of fan support. The media in turn must feel that this does not merit coverage.

Lambda: What do you think of the media's role?

MacDonald: In general terms, they do not support the game the way the people involved in the sport would like to see it supported. I cannot blame the lack of coverage on the media only. It is a lack of effort by the people involved in the sport.

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itself. We have not pushed hard enough. There has been a general improvement lately and we hope for more coverage in the future.

Lambda: What are your views on the junior international tournament?

MacDonald: Well my involvement has been minimum. I can't give a judgement on the players who will play. But I don't think that it will do any good other than to the group that will be going. It certainly will not be representative of Canada.

Lambda: In closing tell me are you optimistic about the future of soccer in Sudbury?

MacDonald: Yes, I am, especially about about Sudbury Soccer, particularly with the installation of the new facilities, and the new interest taken by the municipal and provincial bodies in soccer and sports in general; also by L.U. who are attempting to form an intermediate league.

The combined minor clubs include approximately one thousand kids which does show a very encouraging future for soccer.

My one complaint of Sudbury soccer is the failure in the past of former players to become more involved in the game.



Emmanuel Mba

Ray Korkiala

Emmanuel Mba is the Registrar for the Sudbury Minor Soccer League. He has played for the past five years in the senior league and was assistant playing coach last year. Emmanuel is the coach of the all-star team.

Ray Korkiala is the director of sports in Sudbury (since October 1st, 1973). Ray, who lived in Sudbury for several years as a youngster, went to Michigan state on a soccer scholarship. He graduated in Physical health and education in 1971 and then toured Europe and played there. He then returned to Bowling Green state for his masters. Ray also taught and coached hockey and soccer in Alaska.

Lambda: What do you think your team's chances are?

Mba: Good. Israel is favoured but we will provide stiff competition.

Lambda: Have you chosen the official party yet?

Mba: We have an outline of the players so far. We will have to wait till the weather improves and we can practice outside and better gauge the players. Along with myself as coach the other officials are Mr. Charlie Rado, president of the minor soccer league who will be going as referee.

Lambda: How are you getting your money?

Mba: The city gave \$1000. The Director of Minor Soccer, Mr. Gino Cacciotti, manager of the all-star team and other officials and the players are participating in a paper drive.

Lambda: Could you tell me something about the players you are taking?

Mba: They are mostly players who played in Bantam league last year but because of the age limit cannot play again this year.

Lambda: What are your personal feelings on soccer in Sudbury and the tournament?

Mba: Every soccer player hopes for this opportunity. It will be a thrill for the youngsters.

Personally, I think it will help soccer in Sudbury. It will put Sudbury on the soccer map by giving us a chance at the Ontario Cup.

In the past soccer in the city was confined to the ethnic groups. Now more and more Canadian born athletes are becoming involved. Minor soccer has been increasing and with it an increase of parent attendance. The minor league will approach Laurentian for facilities.

I am very optimistic for soccer in the future in Sudbury.

Lambda: What is Sudbury and District Sports Central?

Korkiala: The Sudbury and District Sports Central is a non-profit organization striving for maximum communication and cooperation in order to assist the development of amateur sport in Northern Ontario.

Lambda: What is your connection with soccer in Sudbury?

Korkiala: I am working on both the Junior and Cambrian league. I am also Sudbury's representative to the National Soccer council and work closely with the Senior league. Personally I plan to play this year for recreational purposes.

Lambda: You were directly involved in setting up this tournament. Could you explain.

Korkiala: In conjunction with the minor soccer people, I helped set up the conference which I think will help our future soccer players. I was also able to help in getting finances from the city and other interested groups in Sudbury. The city gave \$1000 which will help defray travelling expenses.

I would like to add that sports central is involved to all amateur sports in the area and would really like to see Sudbury sport grow. We work with a staff of volunteer but interested people.

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